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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - MFA RENEWAL

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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. DURING RECENT USG/GOM BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS HELD IN WASHINGTON, CHIEF USDEL INFORMALLY ASKED CHIEF GOMDEL (ZORRILLA) IF GOM HAD BEGUN THINKING ABOUT FUTURE OF MFA. ZORRILLA REPLIED THAT GOM HAD NOT, ALTHOUGH GOM WAS AWARE MATTER WAS UP FOR DECISION THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

2. ZORRILLA ASKED IF USG HAD A POSITION ON RENEWAL, AND WE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE HIM THAT USG HAD MADE POLICY DECISION TO SEEK MFA RENEWAL, WITHOUT MODIFICATION, FOR MINIMUM OF ANOTHER THREE YEARS. WE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE USG RECOGNIZED MFA WAS NOT AN ALTOGETHER PERFECT INSTRUMENT,
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IT WAS NONETHELESS A SIGNIFICANT AND REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL

INTERNATIONAL ATTEMPT TO HANDLE THE SENSITIVE TEXTILE PROBLEM FOR BOTH IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES ALIKE. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ALTERNATIVES TO MFA WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE LESS ADVANTAGEOUS FOR EXPORTING COUNTRIES, A POINT WHICH ZORRILLA AND OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION RECOGNIZED AND UNDERSTOOD.

3. WE CAME AWAY FROM THE BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THE MATTER WITH THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THE GOM IS NOT OVERWHELMINGLY HAPPY WITH THE MFA BUT THAT IT DOES REALIZE SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT IS LIKELY OVER THE SHORT TERM. WHAT GOM OBVIOUSLY WOULD LIKE, IF THE MFA WERE TO BE RENEWED IS A SWEETENING OF THE TERMS IN FAVOR OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES

4. USDEL INDICATED IT WOULD WISH TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH THE GOM ON THE RENEWAL QUESTION, AND ZORRILLA SAID HE AND UNDER SECRETARY BECKER WOULD WELCOME SUCH DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER

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